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New Guinea Research Program News: Welsch Works on NEA Grant to Study Papuan Gulf Art at Dartmouth

In January, Adjunct Associate Curator **Robert L. Welsch** began research on a National Endowment for the Arts catalog grant awarded to the Hood Museum of Art at Dartmouth College. He recently returned from a ten-day visit to Dartmouth to photograph, inventory, and compile documentation on the Hood Museum's Papua Gulf material.

In 1992, Welsch worked with some of this material when he was brought to Dartmouth to write up preliminary cataloging for part of the Harry A. Franklin family collection. Another part of the Hood's collection was obtained in 1912 on Goaribari island by the noted Dartmouth biology professor William Patten. Professor and Mrs. Patten accompanied Field Museum's own A. B. Lewis on a trip to Goaribari with Lieutenant-Governor Hubert Murray. When the governor had business on the Kikori river, he left Lewis and the Pattens on Goaribari for five days of research, collecting, and photographs. It is believed that together the Lewis and Patten Collections represent the largest set of material culture from this part of Papua ever made.

During the next 18 months, Welsch will visit other collections of Papuan Gulf material in American museums, leading toward an exhibition and published catalog.

PAYROLL

Attention all employees: Due to our changing format in our checks, please bear with us during this transitional period. You may have noticed on your February 3 paycheck that your "sick hours left" increased by two days instead of one day. Therefore, be aware that you will *not* receive a sick accrual on your March 3 paycheck. Your *vacation accruals* were *not* affected by this incident.

If you have any questions, please call Payroll/Personnel (x220 or x289).

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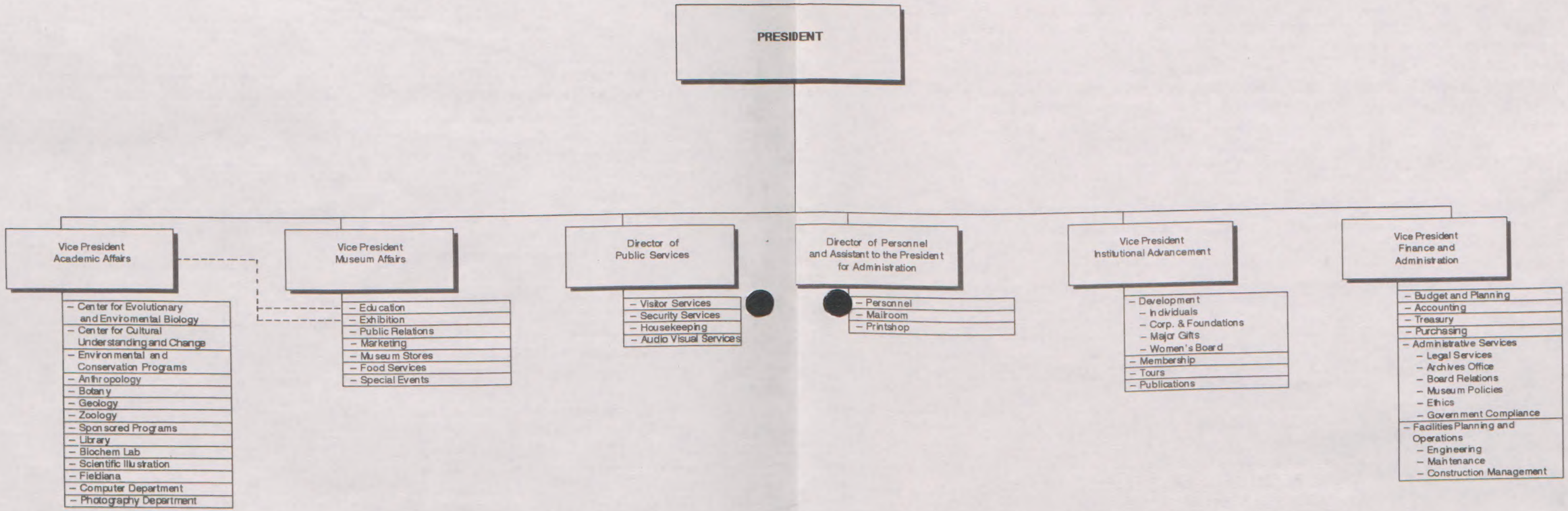

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CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

LANCE GRANDE RETURNS FROM WORK ABROAD

Lance Grande returned from two weeks working in museums in Barcelona and Lleida, Spain. He and his colleague, **Willy Bemis** (Research Associate, Department of Geology), have visited the museums in Spain and a number of other museums during the last year for their current N.S.F. project on fossil and living bowfin fishes (Amiidae). During the last two years for this project they have also visited the Paleontological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow; the Hebrew University, Israel; the British Museum, London; the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris; the Institut royal des Sciences naturelles de Belgique, Brussels; a number of museums in Germany, and several museums in the United States. The only important amiid material they have yet to see is in Yugoslavia, and they haven't yet figured out how to get in there to see it (due to the current war there). But they haven't given up yet!

MARIO DE PINNA TO TAKE JOB AT SÃO PAULO UNIVERSITY

Mario De Pinna, who has been a postdoctoral fellow in the Geology Department for the last year, is leaving this week to take a job as Professor of Zoology, University of São Paulo. Mario's work at Field Museum was on the evolutionary relationships and biogeography of catfishes (one of the world's largest groups of fishes, with about 3,000 species). His work was funded as part of one of Lance Grande's current National Science Foundation grants. We all wish him well, and much success in his new position.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS
1995 SUMMER FESTIVAL DATES

Blues Festival: June 2-4
Gospel Festival: June 10 - 11
Taste of Chicago: June 24 - July 4
Country Music Festival: June 24 - 25
Venetian Night: July 22
Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament: July 22 - 23
Air and Water Show: August 5 - 6
Viva Chicago Latin Music Festival: August 26 - 27
Jazz Festival: September 1 - 3

NEW STAFF PHONE LIST

The new departmental staff telephone list as of February 1, 1995, is in this issue of the *Natural News.* Any suggestions for improvements, or changes of extensions, names or departments may be directed to **Sandy Johnston,** Personnel Department, in memo form. Every six months an updated departmental list will appear in the *Natural News.*